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SUBJ: JAPANESE VISITORS TO PEKING

1. SUMMARY: JAPANESE EMBASSY HAS PROVIDED US WITH ITS PERSPECTIVE ON THE CURRENT UNUSUALLY LARGE FLOW OF VISITORS FROM TOKYO, INCLUDING SEVERAL DELEGATIONS THAT BEAR ON THE PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP TREATY. END SUMMARY.

2. PEKING HAS BEEN GOAL FOR AN UNUSUALLY LARGE NUMBER OF JAPANESE VISITORS RECENTLY--TWENTY DELEGATIONS HAVE BEEN REPORTED BY NCNA DURING THE LAST TWO WEEKS. BUT ACCORING TO A JAPANESE EMBASSY OFFICER THIS IS ONLY THE BEGINNING: THE FLOW SHOULD CREST DURING THE "GOLDEN WEEK" OF MAY 1 AND CONTINUE HIGH THROUGH THE MONTH OF MAY.

3. A JAPANESE EMBASSY POLITICAL OFFICER --YOSHIDA, PROTECT-- SPECULATED IN CONVERSATION WITH A USLO OFFICER APRIL 26 THAT INCREASE IN NUMBER OF
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VISITORS HERE WAS A RESULT OF BOTH (1) A PRC CAMPAIGN DURING THE PAST SIX MONTHS TO ATTRACT MORE AND HIGHER LEVEL JAPANESE DELEGATIONS TO PEKING AND (2) INCREASED INTEREST IN CHINA WITHIN THE FUKUDA GOVERNMENT DUE TO CURRENT DIFFICULTIES WITH THE USSR.

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4. YOSHIDA SAID THAT FORMER VICE FOREIGN MINISTER HOGEN WOULD ARRIVE ON APRIL 28 AND WOULD BE PREPARED TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON THE PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP TREATY. BECAUSE OF THE CLEAR PRO-CHINA POSITION HOGEN HAS TAKEN IN SPEECHES ON THE PFT, HE COULD NOT BE EXPECTED TO PUT FORWARD JAPANESE NEGOTIATING POSITIONS. HE WOULD, HOWEVER, SERVE TO PRODUCE A WARMER INITIAL NEGOTIATING ATMOSPHERE. A DELEGATION OF TWENTY ONE DIET MEMBERS FROM THE TANAKA FACTION ARRIVING IN PEKING ON APRIL 29 SHOULD ALSO HELP UNDERLINE THE FRIENDLY STATE OF SINO-JAPANESE RELATIONS, ACCORDING TO YOSHIDA. LIKE THE INVITATION TO FORMER PRESIDENT NIXON, HE SAID, THIS GROUP WAS PROBABLY ORIGINALLY INVITED TO SHOW GRATITUDE FOR THE TANAKA OPENING TO CHINA AND TO DEMONSTRATE IMPATIENCE WITH THE LACK OF PROGRESS IN CONCLUDING THE PFT.

5. IN TALKS WITH RECENT VISITORS SUCH AS FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER AIICHIRO FUJIYAMA AND DIET MEMBER FURUI HOSHIMI PRC LEADERS HAVE BLENDED CURRENT JAPANESE TROUBLES WITH THE SOVIETS INTO THEIR STANDARD LECTURES ON SOVIET PERFIDY AND DESIRE FOR HEGEMONY. DURING MEETINGS WITH LIAO CHENG-CHIH AND CHANG HSIANG-SHAN, FUJIYAMA WAS ASSURED OF PRC SYMPATHY AND SUPPPORT FOR THE JAPANESE POSITION ON THE NORTHERN ISLANDS AND THE CURRENT FISHERIES DISPUTE. HUA KUO-FENG IN HIS MEETING WITH THE KEIDANREN MISSION SIMILARLY CASTIGATED SOVIET POLICIES
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AND EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR JAPANESE POSITION.

6. ONE RELATIVELY NEW FIELD OF CHINESE INTEREST REVEALED IN THE CURRENT WAVE OF VISITORS WAS JAPANESE STRATEGIC AND MILITARY THINKING, SOURCE SAID. THE FURUI DELEGATION CONTAINS A WELL-KNOWN GEOPOLITICIAN NAMED WAKAIZUMI. TWO SPECIALISTS IN SOVIET AFFAIRS AND GEOPOLITICS, KIMURA FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF HOKKAIDO AND IWASHIMA FROM THE NATIONAL DEFENSE COLLEGE, HAD VISITED PEKING APRIL 5-13. DURING THEIR STAY THEY HAD, ON CHINESE INVITATION, JOINTLY MADE A TWO HOUR PRESENTATION ON THEIR SPECIALTIES AT A MEETING ORGANIZED BY THE CHINESE PEOPLE'S INSTITUTE OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. IWASHIMA TOLD YOSHIDA THAT THE PRC EMBASSY IN TOKYO WAS INCREASINGLY ACTIVE IN PURSUING CONTACTS IN HIS FIELD.
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